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Identical letters dated 21 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and further to our letters informing you of the crimes committed by the "international coalition" led by the United States of America and the coalition's attacks against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic and against innocent Syrian civilians, I should like to convey to you the following information:

Over the past few days, the warplanes of the "international coalition" have continued to attack civilian residential neighbourhoods, infrastructure and public facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic, killing 94 civilians and injuring dozens of others, the majority of whom were women and children, in Hasakah, Dayr al-Zawr and Raqqah governorates.

The warplanes of the "international coalition" attacked the Shaddadah area of Hasakah governorate, killing 60 civilians in the villages of Jaza', Shamsani, Fadghami and Kashkash Ziyanat. On 13 September 2017, "international coalition" warplanes committed two massacres when they bombed residential neighbourhoods in Raqqah city and the northern countryside of Dayr al-Zawr governorate, killing 22 civilians. On 16 September 2017, the "coalition" attacked Mahkan town and the city of Mayadin in Dayr al-Zawr governorate, killing 12 civilians.

The Syrian Arab Republic strongly condemns the attacks carried out by the "international coalition" and the war crimes and crimes against humanity that are being committed by that coalition against Syrian civilians. It furthermore condemns the continued targeting by the coalition of areas populated by civilians and the coalition's destruction of infrastructure and public service facilities, including health-care and education facilities, and places of worship. The Syrian Arab Republic once again calls upon the Security Council to take immediate action in order to halt the savage crimes and the serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights that are being committed this "coalition", which was established without a request from the Syrian Government or authorization from the United Nations and in a manner that contravenes the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The Syrian Arab Republic renews its call to those States in the names of which the "coalition" is committing its crimes to withdraw from that coalition and distance themselves from those crimes.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic again calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its primary responsibility to maintain international peace and security. The Government furthermore calls upon the Council to implement its resolutions concerning counter-terrorism, including, in particular, resolution 2253 (2015), and to act immediately in order to prevent the coalition from committing additional crimes against innocent civilians in the Syrian Arab Republic.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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